

**MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS  
WESTERN DISTRICT**

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COMPLETE TITLE OF CASE:

JEANNIE OWENS,

Respondent

v.

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF NURSING.

Appellant

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DOCKET NUMBER WD78486

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DATE: November 17, 2015

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Appeal From:

Circuit Court of Cole County, MO  
The Honorable Patricia S. Joyce, Judge

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Appellate Judges:

Division Two  
Mark D. Pfeiffer, P.J., Lisa White Hardwick, and James Edward Welsh, JJ.

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**MISSOURI APPELLATE COURT OPINION SUMMARY  
MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS, WESTERN DISTRICT**

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MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF NURSING, Appellant**

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Before Division Two Judges: Pfeiffer, P.J., Hardwick, and Welsh, JJ.

Jeannie Owens contends that the Missouri State Board of Nursing erred in revoking her nursing license because (1) her guilty plea to driving while intoxicated is not a crime of moral turpitude or a crime reasonably related to her ability to practice as a nurse, (2) the Board has no lawful basis to impose discipline on her license for failing to report the guilty plea to the Board, and (3) the revocation of her license constitutes a punitive sanction on her license and is not necessary to protect the public.

**Judgment of the Circuit Court Affirmed**

**Division Two holds:**

(1) Owens's guilty plea to driving while intoxicated for drug intoxication is not a crime of moral turpitude or a crime reasonably related to her ability to practice as a nurse as required by section 335.066.16(1)(a), RSMo Cum. Supp. 2013. We find nothing within the crime of driving while intoxicated in this case that suggests that Owens committed an act of "baseness, vileness, or depravity." Moreover, the offense of driving while intoxicated does not "involve" the qualifications, functions, or duties of a nurse.

(2) The Board did not find that cause existed to discipline Owens's nursing license because of her failure to report her DWI offense to the Board.

Opinion by James Edward Welsh, Judge

November 17, 2015

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